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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As there is still some little work to be carried out, those offices are functioning. When the work is completely over, the department will be completely wound up."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" In view of the statement of the Hon. Minister, am I to presume that the major portion of these establishments will be closed down and that only a skeleton staff will be maintained to close the accounts and attend to such other minor matters? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, that will be so."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" ரெயில்வே சர்வீஸ், தபால் இலாகா இவைகளில் ஏற்படும் வேலைகளுக்கு, ஏற்கனவே இந்த **Civil Supplies department**-ல் வேலை பார்த்தவர்களுக்கு உத்தியோகம் கொடுக்கப்படுமென்று சென்ற வருடத்தில் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தால் ஒரு விளம்பரம் செய்யப்பட்டது. இந்த மாகாணத்திலுள்ள சிவில் சப்ளை உத்யோகஸ்தர்களுக்கு எவ்வளவு பேர்களுக்கு மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தாரால் வேலை கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" மத்திய அரசாங்கம் எத்தனை பேருக்கு வேலை கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதற்கு விவரம் என்னிடமில்லை. இப்பொழுது சென்னை அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் இருக்கும் அரிசி ஸ்டாக்கை யெல்லாம் மத்திய அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துக்கொள்கிறது. அப்படி எடுத்துக்கொள்ளும்போது, **godowns**-களில் வேலை செய்கிறவர்களை எவ்வளவு தூரம் எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முடியுமோ அவ்வளவு தூரம் எடுத்துக்கொள்ள மத்திய அரசாங்கம் ஒப்புக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" அது போக மீதியிருப்பவர்களின் ஜாப்தாவைத் தயாரித்து, இன்னும் அவர்களுக்கு உத்தியோகம் கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று சென்னை அரசாங்கம் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தைக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தைப் பொதுவாகக் கேட்டுக் கொள்வதில் பயனில்லை. ஏற்கனவே அவர்களை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள மத்திய அரசாங்கம் ஒப்புக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது. நமது அரசாங்கத்திலேயும் என்னென்ன இலாக்காக்களில், அவரவர்களின் யோக்யதைக்குத் தக்கவாறு பரீட்சை பாஸ் செய்தவர்களை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளமுடியும் என்பதெல்லாம் கவனிக்கப் பட்டு வருகிறது."

Fixed grant to lower elementary grade teacher in aided elementary schools.

* 181 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the lower elementary grade teacher in an aided elementary school is allowed only a fixed grant ;

(*b*) if so, why no scale of grant has been fixed for this grade ;

(*c*) whether the recently sanctioned increase of Rs. 3 in the monthly assessed grant for a teacher is allowed for this grade ; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) It is the policy of the Government to eliminate lower elementary grade teachers. Hence no time-scale of grant was fixed.

" (c) No, Sir.

" (d) For the same reason as given in the answer to clause (b)."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know, Sir, why in view of the change in the policy of the Government, those who got themselves regularly qualified some years before should be punished by way of discrimination? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no discrimination. A person should be properly qualified for the purpose of teaching. If he does not have proper qualifications, it is better to discourage him from continuing as teacher."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that the course in which these teachers got themselves fully qualified was a recognized course in those days, will the Government kindly consider their case, especially in view of their small number, in granting them increment and also the three rupees that has been given to other teachers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is why they have been given a concession in the matter of continuance in service. Otherwise, they would have been sent out of service. Because they have undergone a certain course of training and served for a certain period of time as teachers, they are allowed to continue in service."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" If the Government change their policy, is it equitable and just that those who got themselves qualified by undergoing a particular recognized course of training approved by a previous Government, whose responsibilities this Government have undertaken, are to be treated as not fit for teaching and are not to be given, in consequence, any increment or the special grant of Rs. 3 which has been recently given to others? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have got a special responsibility to see that proper teachers are appointed in schools. That responsibility will have to be borne in mind."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government believe that the teachers have a living wage? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is a different question. Not only teachers but many other people do not earn a living wage in our country."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த Lower grade வகுப்பினரை ஒழிக்கு முன்பு, சம்பந்தப்பட்ட வாத்தியார்களெல்லாம் Higher grade பாஸ் செய்து கொள்வதற்கு ஏதாவது வாய்ப்பு அளிக்கப்பட்டதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" அவர்கள் இப்பொழுது வேண்டுமானாலும் ஹையர் கிரேட் பாஸ் செய்துகொள்ளலாம்."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Will the Government see that justice is rendered to these teachers by granting them the extra grant of three rupees at least in view of the fact that there are only some 2,000 such teachers and also in view of the fact that they have not so far been given any ultimatum to appear for the higher grade examination within a specified period of time and get qualified further? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have considered this case and I am sorry, I am unable to agree to the suggestion of the hon. Member."

School education to children between the ages of 6 *and* 11.

* 182 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the percentage of children between the ages of 6 and 11 to whom Government propose to provide school education ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to raise the percentage of children between the ages of 11 and 17 undergoing secondary education?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No target was fixed in the First Five-Year Plan. The proposals under the Second Five-Year Plan have not yet been finalized and therefore it is not possible to say at present whether any such target will be fixed in the Second Five-Year Plan.

" (*b*) There is no specific proposal, as such, to raise the percentage of children between the ages of 11 and 17 undergoing secondary education."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" When do the Government expect to implement the provisions of Article 45 of the Constitution of India to give free and compulsory education to children below fourteen years of age within ten years from the date on which the Constitution came into force? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are hoping to implement that programme."

Non-fulfilment by teachers of the terms of stipend granted to them.

* 183 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state how many teachers in each grade trained prior to the beginning of the Basic Training scheme have not fulfilled the terms of the stipend granted to them in the State ; and what action has been taken by the Government against them?